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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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: ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION

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FOR: USE OF A POLYPEPTIDE DERIVED  
FROM A PA1B LEGUME ALBUMEN  
AS INSECTICIDE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-12.

Please add the following claims:

--13. A method of protecting a plant from insects comprising treating the plant with a composition comprising a polypeptide having a sequence of the formula (I):

$X_1 CX_2 CX_3 CX_4 CX_5 CX_6 CX_7$  (I)

wherein C represents a cysteine residue,  $X_1$  represents an amino acid or a sequence of 2 to 10 amino acids,  $X_2$  represents an amino acid or a sequence of 2 to 5 amino acids,  $X_3$

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